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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

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Art Unit : 2815

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Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,963,826	10/05/99	Takanabe et al.	438	622	
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	AC	6,114,200	09/05/00	Yew et al.	438	253	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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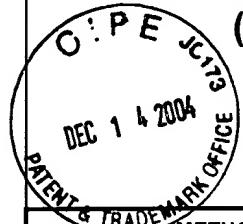
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